

Academic Year 2024 to 2025 Discretionary Payment

Application and Guidance from the SSSC

In recognition of the ongoing challenges faced by postgraduate social work students in receipt of bursaries, the SSSC, on behalf of the Scottish Government has made available an additional discretionary fund to support bursary students during the academic year 2024-2025.

If you are in receipt of a postgraduate bursary you are eligible to apply for the discretionary fund.

The discretionary fund is designed to provide a one-off, non-repayable amount of up to £1,500 to students experiencing financial difficulties, in order for them to continue on their programme of study. It is paid in addition to the core bursary components of living costs and tuition fee grants.

This fund has been set up to provide additional support with:

- basic or essential living costs
- accommodation costs
- childcare costs
- loss of employment
- reduction in earnings
- change in family circumstances that have affected you financially
- covering unforeseen circumstances which occur during the course and threaten your ability to complete it.

Students who have accessed additional funding through their university will not be eligible for this fund.

Please be aware that payments of the discretionary funds may affect the benefits you receive, including Income Support, Universal Credit or Housing Benefit.

If you are in need of additional financial support and would like to apply for this discretionary fund, please complete the attached application. We will contact you on receipt of your application to advise what further information we will require in support of your application.

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